

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

KATAFUCHI et al.

Appln. No. 09/196,129

Filed: November 20, 1998

For: OXYGEN SENSING ELEMENT USED IN AN OXYGEN SENSOR



Group Art Unit: 2855

Examiner: Dombroske

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November 8, 1999

**RESPONSE**

The Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

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In response to the Office Action dated August 24, 1999, kindly enter the following remarks.

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the following remarks are respectfully requested. No amendments to the claims are made at this time.

In the pending Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-14, under 35 U.S.C. 103, as being unpatentable over Hayakawa et al. This ground of rejection is respectfully traversed. The Examiner relies upon Hayakawa et al. as suggesting the invention defined by independent claims 1 and 6, even though the reference does not explicitly set forth our claimed quantitative dimensional relationships. According to the Examiner, Hayakawa et al. do not attach any significance to the exact values claimed. Applicant agrees that Hayakawa et al. do not attach significance to the dimensional values we claim. They did not perceive their importance.